

# CLOSING IN ON THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

## Advance Guard of the Germans is Only 300 Miles Away

### EVIDENT THAT THE TEUTONS INTENT TO CARRY OUT A SUPREME EFFORT THIS SUMMER IN THE EAST

(Associated Press)

London, Aug. 12.—The German armies in the Baltic region are within 300 miles of Petrograd. They have reached the river Dvina between Riga and Dvinsk. Thence southward the lines sweep west with Kovno still holding out. Next week may see a great battle toward the Russian capital.

#### SECOND LINE WON'T STAND

Russia's second line of defense, upon which it was proposed to fall back after abandoning Warsaw, has the appearance of being rendered untenable. The British and Russian press is beginning to see in the Teutonic plan an ambitious plunge with Petrograd as the goal. Meantime, Russian vanguards are fighting desperately, especially in the Dvina region and at Kovno, for the capture of which the Germans are making terrific sacrifices.

#### IMMENSE TEUTONIC EFFORT IN THE EAST

It seems plain that the Germans intend no great demonstration in the west but intend to press to the utmost the Russian campaign, on the theory that conditions in the west are such that neither French or British immediately will attempt a general offensive.

#### DEPEND ON THE DARDANELLES

During the lull on the western front, the British public looks to operations at the Dardanelles to relieve Russia.

Since Saturday night, when fresh British forces were landed on the Gallipoli peninsula, there has been almost continuous fighting on the Kithia road. In these operations Australians and New Zealanders have cooperated with the forces to the north.

It was announced last night that the Australians and New Zealanders yesterday more than trebled the ground they formerly held, but the forces to the north of them had failed to gain. Simultaneously the French battleship St. Louis put five Turkish guns out of action, when it attacked the batteries on the Asiatic side of the straits.

Greece reports that the Turks are discouraged by their heavy losses. It is believed that the Anglo-French are preparing the way for more ambitious attempts.

#### BRITISH LOST A BOAT

London, Aug. 12.—It was officially announced last night that the British warship Ramsey was sunk in the North Sea Sunday by the German steamer Meteor. The Meteor was then blown up by her own crew when British cruisers chased her. Both the Ramsey and Meteor were auxiliary cruisers.

#### SUNK FISHING SMACKS

The fishing smacks Ocean, Gift, Esperance and George Borrow have been sunk. The crews were saved.

#### ON WHICH SIDE?

Wide circulation was given this afternoon to a rumor that the government has received news of military successes affecting Russia.

#### TEUTONS TOOK TWO TOWNS

Berlin, Aug. 12.—Germans pursuing the Russians who are retreating from Warsaw, have occupied Lukow, according to a German official dispatch. Zambrow has also been captured.

#### OCALA LODGE NO. 286, B. P. O. E.

Ocala Lodge No. 284, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month. Visiting brethren always welcome. Club house opposite postoffice, east side.

L. H. von Engelken, E. R. Nelson Geise, Secretary. At.

## AIR RAID BY THE ALLIES

### FRENCH AEROPLANES SHOWERED SHELLS ON GERMAN TOWNS IN ALSACE

(Associated Press)

London, Aug. 12.—A wireless from Berlin says that French aviators this morning dropped bombs on Zweibrücken and St. Ingbert, killing eight civilians and wounding several. The property damage was small.

### SYMPATHIZE WITH THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS

Haitians and Mexicans are Dear to the Argentine Heart

(Associated Press)

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 12.—The Latin American Association of Buenos Ayres adopted a resolution regretting the participation of Latin American diplomats in the Mexican peace conference and criticized the debarking of troops in Haiti.

### OCALA PLAYS LEESBURG THIS AFTERNOON

The manager and members of the Ocala baseball team with a number of friends left at 1 o'clock for Leesburg, where they will play the nine of that city.

The Ocala line-up is as follows: Anderson, Brown, Batts, Bartley, Bullock, Burford, Couch, Dewey, Dinkins, Harris and Zewadski. The battery will be Anderson and Bartley.

A number of patriots accompanied the team, among them Mrs. E. A. Osborne, Mrs. J. B. Horrell, Misses Mabel Meffert, Margaret Wade and Rexie Todd and Messrs. Carl Ray, W. K. Zewadski, S. P. Hollinrake, W. S. Highlands, Whit Palmer, Harvey Clark, Sam Mathews and Fred Lansford.

### OCALA VS. WILDWOOD TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The Ocala boy's team is making arrangements for a game at Hunter Park tomorrow afternoon with the Wildwood team.

The boys had to raise the money among themselves to pay the expenses of the game, so the Star hopes the people will turn out and help the youngsters to make their money back. The boy's team is working hard and deserves encouragement.

### COLORED WOMAN STABBED

Son Dickerson, a young negro man, well known to the sheriff's office, assaulted a colored woman in the western part of town before daylight this morning and came near killing her. He stabbed the woman in the breast and arm. She will probably recover. We did not learn the woman's name. Dickerson got away, but is well known to the sheriff's force that they will soon gather him in.

### AN AUTO ACCIDENT

At noon today as Mrs. A. L. Izlar, driving her Studebaker car, was turning from Wenona street into Fort King avenue, Mr. George Chambers in another car ran into Mrs. Izlar's car, jamming it broadside. The fender, running board and tool box of the Izlar car were damaged, but no one was injured. Mr. Chambers's steering gear jammed as he was trying to pass Mrs. Izlar and he could not control his car.

### MEETING OF CITRUS MEN IN OCALA TOMORROW

The meeting of the business men with the Florida Citrus Exchange at 9 o'clock tomorrow promises to be a well attended gathering.

The meeting will be held in the office of the Marion Sub-Exchange over the Munroe & Chambliss Bank, and Mr. Sandlin sends out an urgent invitation to all business men, whether interested in citrus fruit culture or not, to attend the meeting.

This meeting is to formulate the plans for the erection of the orange packing house in Ocala, which plan was fully explained by this paper last Saturday.

Come to this meeting; you will be interested in the proceedings.

### SENATOR SMITH WANTS TO START SOMETHING

Asks an Embargo in Order to Relieve American Importers

New York, Aug. 12.—After listening to a speech by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia yesterday, more than 500 New York importers adopted a petition to President Wilson urging prompt and strenuous action to relieve American importers of the conditions caused by Great Britain's refusal to allow German and Austrian products to be shipped from neutral ports to the United States.

Senator Smith declared the British blockade was one of the most flagrant and inexcusable violations of neutral rights in naval history.

Called for Special Session of Congress. The importers appointed a committee to draw a petition asking President Wilson to call a special session of Congress to discuss the ways and means of relieving the importers.

### FUNSTON SAYS IT IS POLITICAL FEUDS

But Texans Claim Mexicans are Trying to Annex Counties on the Border

Brownsville, Aug. 12.—Virtually every American citizen in the three southernmost Texas counties, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr, rested under arms last night, fearing that the overwhelming Mexican population in this section might start racial fighting.

The belief grows that Mexicans are working under a plan to seize Texas and other border states and that 3000 Mexicans were involved.

General Funston has 17,000 men on the border and Secretary Garrison says 12,000 more soldiers can be sent if needed. General Funston has reported that according to the best information he has secured, it was indicated that Texans themselves had sent bands to rob other Texans because of a political feud.

Texans of all political beliefs however declare there is no truth in the statement that political feuds are responsible for the brigandage.

### BIG MILL WILL REOPEN SEPTEMBER FIRST

The Irvine Crute & Basket Company's mill at Irvine which has been closed down so long, will be started up on the 1st of September.

We must have cash to run our business. Bring us your vulcanizing and we will exchange the best vulcanizing you ever had for your cash. Davies, the Tire Man. 8-12-15

### FOR A SPRAINED ANKLE

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

# TRYING TO ANNEX SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS

## BELIEVED TO BE THE REASON FOR SO MANY MEXICANS CROSSING THE BORDER

(Associated Press)

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—The action of the federal government in response to the appeal of Governor Ferguson to President Wilson is awaited by state officials who have been unable to stop depredations of Mexican raiders. Governor Ferguson declares the situation is perilous and grave and doubted the ability of the state and local officials to longer control it.

Brownsville citizens and those of other border towns don't agree with the opinion that the movement is not political. The raiders are said to be working in several bands, under the plan of the San Diego movement started over a year ago in San Diego, Texas, when resolutions were adopted declaring for wresting from the United States the strip along the border.

Confirmation of reports of Mexican soldiers crossing the Rio Grande is lacking. Governor Ferguson declares that any unusual occurrence will result in a disastrous invasion of Texas.

### CARRANZA COMMANDER DENIES THE CHARGE

General Nafaretto, Carranza commander at Matamoros, denied that 1000 of his men have entered Texas to incite uprisings. He declared he had only 500 men. He charges brigandage in Texas was caused by Huertistas. In anticipation of the recognition Carranza, he expressed his willingness to cooperate with the United States in restoring order. All is quiet today.

### L. T. L. SILVER MEDAL CONTEST

The W. C. T. U., of Kendrick, held a most excellent Loyol Temperance Legion Silver Medal Contest on Sunday night, August 8th, at the church in Kendrick. Although the weather was somewhat threatening the little people had a very good audience, but the program which they rendered on this occasion was well worthy of a packed house. The following is the program:

Song—Onward Christian Soldiers. Scripture Reading—90th Psalm. Repeating of the Lord's Prayer. Duet—Ruby Spencer and Hadley Shaw.

Medal contest work explained by the superintendent of that department, Mrs. C. H. Shaw.

No. 1. "The Call of the Country." No. 2. "Uncle Sam and the Saloon Keeper."

No. 3. "In the Kegs." No. 4. "Little Blossom."

No. 5. "Guilty or not Guilty." No. 6. "Pay your Taxes with Money and not Boys."

No. 7. "The Price of a License." Instrumental Solo—Miss Berta Guthery.

The judges were: Mr. B. C. Webb, Mr. C. A. Scott and Miss Mable Clark and they awarded the medal to contestant No. 3, Azlee Lyles. Following the decision of the judges the medal was presented to the successful contestant by Mrs. C. H. Shaw.

Song—Saviour More Than Life to Me.

Benediction. Special mention should be made of the work of Mrs. Ashworth and Mrs. Davis who drilled the children for this contest. It was without doubt one of the closest contests which has been held, there being but a small fraction of difference if any between the contestants. They all did exceedingly well.

The second contest by this class is to be held Friday night August 13th at Reddick. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present. Julia Webb, Press Supt.

### GOLD MEDAL CONTEST

The Kendrick W. C. T. U. will hold a gold medal contest in the church at Kendrick Tuesday night, August 17. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present on this night. Come and bring your friends and enjoy a fine evening's entertainment and at the same time encourage the young people in the excellent work they are doing. Julia H. Webb, Press Superintendent.

Tomorrow may be too late, so come now and get your share of ALPINE FLAX stationery below cost. The Court Pharmacy. tf

## BOARD OF TRADE

### Three Important Subjects Before Wednesday Night's Meeting

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Board of Trade Wednesday night, and the subjects before the board, namely, the South Florida Fair, the Central Florida division of the Dixie Highway and the union passenger station, were discussed with great interest.

The secretary was instructed to assure the South Florida Fair Association that Marion county would do all possible to make the fair successful.

Mr. L. H. Chazal was elected temporary chairman and Mr. R. L. Martin consul of the Marion county council of the Dixie Highway Association, and both these gentlemen may be expected to give the enterprise efficient aid.

Plans for the new passenger station were discussed and suggestions made. There is some reason to believe that the station will be situated on the southern side of the Seaboard and opposite the ice factory. It is rumored that the railroads have already bought this property, but the Star is unable to obtain any confirmation of the report. If it is true, the location of the depot will be more convenient to the town than on the other side of the Seaboard track.

The secretary submitted a proposition from the Redpath Lyceum Co., which is the best yet made to this city, and will probably result in Ocala having this instructive entertainment next year.

The secretary submitted proof of his unceasing efforts to obtain publicity for Marion county, which seems to be his greatest pleasure.

The management of the Marion County Fair Association was represented and it was collectively resolved and individually determined to do all possible for the success of this most important association.

### TOURING THE WEST

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The Cate tour left Yellowstone Park, not in a cloud of glory, but a cloud of dust, Friday evening, July 24. Tourists were coming into the park by hack in a continuous stream, while others were going out. July 23rd 500 were at the Wyllie camp and over 600 at Old Faithful Inn, nearby. The roads were sprinkled at least once a day, but so much travel caused them to dry quickly and make it almost unbearable. There is being built a splendid oil highway through the park. It is said to be an automobile road to take the place of the hacks, which will be a delightful trip of 30 miles through the park before reaching anything of interest. After reaching Frisco Monday morning it was found we could not be cared for at one hotel on account of other tourists just coming in, so we were divided at four hotels on the same square, there being from four to six hotels on every square in the downtown district. Yet they complain the general attendance to the fair is poor and large hotels are practically empty. Taking five sight-seeing cars for one party of between 65 and 70 Thursday for a wonderful trip to the Cliff House, through the Golden Gate Park of 1062 acres of gorgeous flowers and shrubbery, we went through the government reservation park to see the Golden Gate and all of the large guns which guard the entrance to the grand harbor where some of the large government boats are stationed for a short time. The color scheme is one of the distinguishing features of the exposition, composed of red, white, green, orange and pink for decorating purposes. All of the domes are pale green. Our party leaves for Los Angeles and San Diego, then homeward bound. Kate Clements.

### THIRTY-FIVE BUICK FOR SALE

For sale, cheap for cash, a model 35 Buick, in perfect condition. Apply to Davies, the Tire Man. 8-12-15

# WILSON AGAIN IN WASHINGTON

## President is Confronted With Grave Problems

(Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson returned from Cornish this morning.

### PRESIDENT FACES MANY GRAVE PROBLEMS

There will be no cabinet meeting tomorrow. The president feels that matters pending are not in shape for general discussion. After a conference with Secretary Lansing, on Mexican affairs, the president plans to see Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Garrison to take up national defense questions.

The Texas situation is also expected to figure in the conference with Garrison.

The president was furnished with the details of yesterday's Pan-American conference by Secretary Lansing. Previously Mr. Lansing announced that appeals to the Mexican factions would not be sent today, owing to a lack of arrangements in transmission. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on Carranza's letter of protest. It has not been answered. Officials are sure that Carranza doesn't represent the individual opinions of his leaders and when the appeal is published it is believed they will see they have been misinformed.

Carranza issued through his Washington agents a denial of the outrages committed, or contemplated, against foreigners at Vera Cruz.

### BANDIT VILLA MOST REASONABLE OF THE BUNCH

Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more duration with his opponents, during which time a peace conference could be held.

### PAN AMERICANS PLEAD

With Mexican Leaders to Combine for the Good of their Country

New York, Aug. 12.—Secretary of State Lansing and diplomatic representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala yesterday signed an appeal addressed to the leaders of all Mexican factions, petitioning them in the name of humanity and national patriotism to assemble a peace conference and to form a provisional government which can receive world wide recognition.

Beyond this step, yesterday's session of the Pan-American conference did not go, reserving for future consideration any steps possibly made necessary by the refusal of any factions to join the movement. The appeal requested an answer within ten days.

The diplomats took the view that when Carranza receives the appeal he will understand there is no intention to interfere with internal affairs in Mexico and all agreed that the triumph of the revolution in Mexico shall be recognized, and the liberal elements will be looked to to form the new government.

### DIAMOND FROM THE SKY MUST SKIP A CHAPTER

The management of the Temple theater received the following telegram yesterday, regarding the films for the Diamond from the Sky:

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9, 1915.

Temple Theater, Ocala, Fla.:

Chapter four has evidently been lost in transit. Other prints of this chapter are so booked that we cannot possibly supply you before chapter five next Friday. However, chapter five contains a complete synopsis, which will place its patronage up to date. Display this message in the box office advising your customers that it is not your fault that it failed to reach you.

North American Film Co.

A full line of loose leaf ledgers, note books and memorandums always on hand at Gerig's. tf

### OCALA HAD THE BEST OF IT

Won the Game by 4 to 3 from Williston

Tho played to a discouragingly small crowd, the game between Ocala and Williston yesterday was close and well played. Once or twice, the opposing teams went up in the air, but they settled down again, and the game ended in the ninth with the score four to three in favor of the home team.

Following is the game by innings:

#### First Inning

G. Bartley was the first man up for Williston and came up with a single. Thompson bunted a fly to Harris and Bartley was caught off first. Crosby was out on a grounder to first.

Ocala: Brown struck out and Harris sent a hot one over short for a two-bagger. Zewadski was thrown out at first by Harris. Batts reached first on an error and Harris scored. Dewey struck out.

#### Second Inning

Williston: Reddick struck out. Taylor singled but was forced at second on J. Bartley's grounder. Epperson struck out.

Ocala: Davis struck out, Dinkins flew out to second and Couch was out, short to first.

#### Fourth Inning

In the fourth inning Ocala got on to Williston's pitcher and hammered in three runs. Brown singled and stole second, Bullock taking third. Harris was out on a hot one to first. Zewadski landed on one for a double and Bullock and Brown scored. Zewadski stole third and scored on Batts' single. Dewey flew out to left and Batts was caught on third.

#### Fifth Inning

Williston: In the fifth inning Williston came near tying the score. Ocala began throwing the ball anywhere and Manager Hunter switched a few players. Taylor singled, J. Bartley singled and Epperson reached first on an error. Taylor scoring. Harvey reached first on a fielder's choice. J. Bartley was caught at the plate. Anderson reached first on an error and Epperson scored. G. Bartley was out, second to first, Harvey scoring on the play. Thompson flew out to first.

Neither team scored after this inning and it was mostly three up and three down until the end of the game.

### CANDLER

Candler, Aug. 10.—Rev. Staats filled his usual appointment in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening, delivering two forceful and interesting sermons.

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. McKinley are enjoying the North Carolina mountain breezes.

Rev. Whidden, of Jacksonville, has accepted the call to the Methodist church to fill the unexpired time of Rev. A. B. McDonald, who resigned on account of ill health.

Miss Catherine Caul, of Ocala, has been having repairs made at her home place and visiting friends here. Mrs. C. H. Mathews will spend several days of this week among Ocala friends.

Mr. Ballard brought into town for exhibition, yesterday, a rattle snake measuring six feet in length, which he killed on his place north of town. Last week Mr. Ballard had a similar experience with a rattler six and a half feet in length.

### SEED POTATOES

Our new Irish potatoes for fall planting are now in. Ocala Seed Store. 8-11-15

On Saturday and Monday, 17 pounds of sugar for \$1, with one dollar's worth of other groceries, for cash. Smith Grocery Co. Phone 494. tf